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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? Will our guests in the galleries please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Father David Lantz, Christ the King Church, Springfield, Illinois. Father Lantz.

FATHER DAVID LANTZ:

(Prayer by Father David Lantz)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Radogno.

SENATOR RADOGNO:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Radogno)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, November 29th, and Thursday, November 30th, 2000.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to approve the Journal just read. There being no objection, so ordered. We have WAND and Channel 3-WCIA requesting permission to film today. Is leave granted? Leave is granted. The Senate will stand at ease.

(SENATE STANDS AT EASE/SENATE RECONVENES)

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PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

The Senate will be in order. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Be Approved for Consideration - Motion to Concur with House Amendment 1 to Senate Bill 368, Conference Committee Report 1 to Senate Bill 441, the Motion to Concur with House Amendment 2 to Senate Bill 1975, and

House Bill 4659.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Karpiel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. There will be a Republican Caucus immediately upon adjournment in Senator Philip's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

For what purpose does Senator Jones arise?

SENATOR E. JONES:

Yeah. Thank you, Mr. President. A query of the Chair. You -- the Secretary read into the record the report of the Rules Committee. But I see the Rules Committee was absent the motion that was made on Senate Bill 1047. Now, I know Senator Demuzio did make that motion and your Members voted it down. This deals with the contract for correctional officers, which was part of the collective bargaining agreement. This is the pension portion. And I do see many members of Department of Corrections that are here today. And we should be moving on this particular issue. But I see -- perhaps you can explain to the Body and the Members why you refused to let that motion be heard or why did you vote it down in Rules Committee. This is something that your Leader, myself, Speaker Madigan, the Governor, Lee Daniels, we all supported this package. And -- and this is pension benefits for correctional employees. And so, Mr. -- Mr. President, as Chairman

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of that Committee, could you explain to the Body why you would not let that proposal out on the Floor as you did the other provision?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Dudycz, do you care to respond?

SENATOR DUDYCZ:

Yes, thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, for the information of the Body, at the Rules Committee, there was no second; therefore, there was no motion that was seconded and there was no action and no vote taken in Committee.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Petka, do you seek recognition?

SENATOR PETKA:

Thank you very much. Mr. President, I'd like to announce a committee meeting tomorrow morning: Executive Appointments, 9 o'clock, Room 212.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Jones.

SENATOR E. JONES:

I know you can hear quite well, Mr. President. I just wanted to remind you, I see a couple of Members over here who had their lights on who wish to address the Chair. And I -- I know you can see quite well, just like I can.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

I shall get to them.

SENATOR E. JONES:

I would appreciate it.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Demuzio.

SENATOR DEMUZIO:

Well, thank you, Mr. President. Senator Dudycz is right. I did, in fact, make the motion to allow for the concurrence motion on Senate Bill 1047 to go to committee, in the Rules Committee,

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and in fact, there was no second, including himself. And I was just curious, if he has a change of heart, I'd be glad to request that we go back to Rules so I could get a second, so I could get a -- a roll call on Senate Bill 1047. Otherwise, I think that it's -- behooves us, at least, to send this bill -- this concurrence motion to committee. So -- at least, we only have two days left in this Session, and once we adjourn here today, we only have tomorrow. It seems to me that we ought to afford ourselves the opportunity to go to committee, keep this issue open, and see if we can't come to some reconcile of -- of the issue between now and the time that we adjourn tomorrow sine die. So I would, again, make that request that -- that you consider Senate -- the motion

with respect to concurrence of Senate Bill 1047.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Senator Hendon.

SENATOR HENDON:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was just rising to ask if you were going to respond to Senator Demuzio's request. And if so, did you have a timetable which we could take up this matter?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

We hadn't posted for any further Rules Committee meetings today. Senator Jacobs.

SENATOR JACOBS:

Thank you, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Senate. Just a point of inquiry, if I could. By the failure of -- of this Body to act and to codify the agreement that was negotiated by the -- between the Governor and AFSCME, with our failure to act on this negotiated agreement, are we, in effect, negating that agreement and sending it back to the Governor for further negotiations?

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

Well, I personally can't answer you, Senator Jacobs. Senator

Karpiel.

SENATOR KARPIEL:

Thank you, Mr. President. Evidently some people have asked me to repeat my announcement, that everyone didn't hear that we will be having a Republican Caucus immediately upon adjournment in Senator Philip's Office.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR WEAVER)

There being no further business, the Senate will stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, January the 9th.

